

## TAFT APPEALS FOR FILIPINOS

Separation of Islands from This Country Suicidal, He Says.

KEEPS HOSTS WAITING

Ohio Society Thought Cornell Diners Had Kidnapped Guest.

MISSED ANOTHER FETE

Dutchess County Men Went Without Him—President Here for Two Days.

President Taft, speaking before the Ohio Society last night and this morning at the Waldorf-Astoria, made what many believed was a straight appeal to President-elect Wilson not to countenance legislation looking to the separation of this country and the Philippine Islands.

The President warmed to a subject which has always been very near his heart and spoke with intense earnestness. He said that the passage of such a bill as the Jones bill, which contemplates a separation in eight years, would be nothing less than suicidal, and that the only Filipinos it would benefit would be the rich and greedy and ambitious and native politicians.

Mr. Taft nowhere mentioned Mr. Wilson's name, but the fire of his address was not the less marked.

The President came late to his friends of the Ohio Society. They had listened to half a dozen speeches on Perry's victory in Lake Erie, on the War of 1812, and had even heard an impetuous speech from Representative Richmond Harrison looking to get into it without spot and oceans with battleships.

When Mr. Taft entered the grand ballroom of the Waldorf at 10:45 P. M., he was greeted by the Major Thomas Rhoads, the ohiosans went to their seats and let loose a regular fusillade of applause and a drum corps escorted Mr. Taft down a side aisle and up a stairs aisle to the main table. This proceeding did not exactly please the secret service men with the President, and they were pushed off their feet by enthusiastic Ohio folks.

It was not until midnight that Mr. Taft was called upon to speak. Presumably there were addresses by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, Judge John C. Boyle of Toledo, Lieut. Gen. Nelson Miles, the Rev. Dr. John Wesley, and Borough President George McManus and Representative Hobson.

Those speakers had in a way filled in the long gap between the time that Mr. Taft was expected at the dinner, which was 8 P. M., and the time he actually arrived, an hour and three quarters later. The fact is the President, as the guest of George C. Boldt, had been having so thoroughly a good time in another part of the hotel that he was loath to leave.

The ohiosans during all this wait were getting more and more uneasy and they impatiently waited for Mr. Taft to appear. They were disappointed when he did not appear, but they were not to be disappointed a second time.

When the President finally appeared, he was a fine burst of cheerfulness. Mr. Taft almost immediately settled down into the steady business of answering questions at what he considered a local Philippine policy.

"I had intended," he said, "to invite Mr. Taft to a party that might be brought to the attention of the governing administration. There were certain things settled by the last election. Among these was the tariff.

Then there was the matter of the trusts. Here it was settled that we of the Republican party were not to do what is to be done, so we gracefully acquiesced and await the performance of our Philippine policy which the Presidential election itself settled.

Now I am not here to ask for a new trial or to apply for a writ of error, but there are other questions that can be discussed. You hear the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. Hobson). It seemed to me that he was appealing to us from the Democratic side.

I concur with him in thinking we ought to have an adequate navy. But I am not here to do that. I believe in the maintenance of peace and I believe it can be brought about by the united action of nations, even without the armaments which I think necessary. But we haven't got peace yet and we cannot yet dispense with our necessary defenses.

Another subject we may talk about is the separation of the Philippines from this country. Twelve years ago it was a paramount issue as to whether or not we should hold the Philippines. Eight years ago the issue was considerably modified. Since then we haven't heard of it at all in any election.

It seemed that our Democratic friends were taking the wise course and they saw nothing to do but go ahead and maintain the successful solution of the problem. There has been little discussion recently and only a few milk and water references in the platform.

Therefore I think that the verdict of the last election was not a verdict that we should separate from the islands, give up the problem and turn the islands over to perhaps untried natives.

"For some reasons, as a Republican,

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## PHIPPS DIDN'T KNOW TAFT.

Pittsburg Man Failed to Recognize Him at First—Both Enjoy Laughs.

As President Taft was entering the Waldorf apartments in the Waldorf last night on his way to the private dinner given by George C. Boldt he met Henry Phipps in the corridor.

The President smiled and put out his hand.

"How do you do, Mr. Phipps?" he said cordially. "How are you?"

The steel man looked at the President, and without extending his own hand and with no sign of recognition said: "I don't believe I recall your face."

The President laughed and said he thought that if Mr. Phipps would exercise his memory he would recall him.

There was a minute's pause. Mr. Phipps grasped the situation, put out his own hand and joined the President in a laugh.

LEPERS' FRIEND DIES A LEPER.

Brother Dutton Had Succeeded Father Damien at Molokai.

New Orleans, Jan. 18.—Brother Ira Barnes Dutton, successor of Father Damien in the leper colony at Molokai, is dead of the disease, according to advices which have reached this city from London.

Brother Dutton had been connected with the colony since 1886, when, inspired by the stories of the wonderful sacrifice of Father Damien, he left his place as a lay member of the Benedictine house in New Orleans to join the martyr. He assisted the noted father for three years and administered to him when he became stricken with leprosy, caring for him in his last hours. Then upon his death Brother Dutton took up the work.

Brother Dutton was the son of New England Methodist parents. He became a Catholic in 1886, relatively late in life and entered the local Redemptorist house as a lay member.

Previously Brother Dutton had fought in the civil war. After the war he was a Lieutenant in the commissary department until he took up his humanitarian work.

## TO BAR ICEBERGS FROM THE ATLANTIC

Calders Bill First Step to Save Steamships From Titanic's Fate.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Artificial obstruction of the Labrador current passing over the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, a scheme to prevent the encroachment of icebergs and fogs in the North Atlantic, are the purposes of a bill introduced to-day by Representative Calder of New York. The bill proposes the creation of a board to be known as the Labrador Current and Gulf Stream Commission, to be composed of a naval officer and two other competent persons to be appointed by the President.

The commission is charged with the duty of investigating and reporting as to the feasibility and cost of causing an obstruction to the Labrador current and to ascertain by practical experiments the best means that can be employed to create a deposit upon the Grand Banks of the sand and other sediment carried by the Labrador current.

The commission is further instructed to report on the effects of such an obstruction.

First—In preventing the encroachment of icebergs and fogs in the course traveled by transatlantic steamers.

Second—The effect upon the Gulf Stream and other currents.

Third—The effect upon the climate of countries in the Northern hemisphere on both sides of the Atlantic.

Fourth—The probable effect upon the fogs of the coast of the United States, Canada, the British Isles and upon the waters of the Atlantic.

Fifth—Any other effects of such obstruction, not specifically mentioned, which may be discovered and deemed worthy of note for scientific or other purposes.

Here is another direction given the commission:

"The commission shall also make a thorough investigation of the current and sub-currents of the ocean which would be influenced by the proposed obstruction, and especially the probable effect upon the disintegration of the warm north flowing Gulf Stream, which now occurs by its meeting the cold flowing Labrador current."

The sum of \$100,000 is placed at the disposal of the commission, which is directed to report within two years.

The Calder bill was prepared by Carroll Livingston Riker, M. E., of New York. It was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

U. S. SEIZES RAILROAD TRESTLE.

Soldiers Eject Lackawanna as Squatter on Buffalo Site.

BUFFALO, Jan. 18.—A company of infantry from Fort Porter to-day took forcible possession of the Lackawanna railroad trestle at the foot of Erie street. They marched upon the property fully equipped to do battle and to stay a year if necessary to enforce the Government's decree of ejectment.

The land, which parallels the harbor entrance for 1,000 feet and is valued at \$1,000,000, has been the subject of litigation for many years. The Government alleges that the Lackawanna is merely a squatter. The Attorney General's office requested the War Department to make to-day's move.

The next move is up to the Lackawanna. It was said to-night, and unless they move quickly steps will be taken to tear down the trestle.

To-night guards were mounted and are patrolling the boundaries of the Government's property.

HOME SEEKERS  
HEALTH SEEKERS  
RECREATION SEEKERS  
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via FORTIETH RAILWAY. No section pre-  
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